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**AUTO HEARINGS
ARE WOUND UP**

Shall Selectmen Have Power to Close Roads to Machines—Sirens, Mufflers and Other Matters Discussed.

Hartford, March 5.—The committee on Roads, Bridges and Rivers closed its hearing on automobile matters yesterday, giving attention to bills affecting features of the law, other than those taken up on the other days. The first of these bills (of which there were six) confers authority on selectmen to close certain roads, deemed unsafe for automobile travel, to such vehicles, such prohibition, however, to be only after proper advertisement, and the right of appeal from any such order on the part of a selectman is given to any such persons feeling aggrieved. Another bill would prohibit the use of the siren whistle on automobiles. Two bills relate to the question of mufflers and would make it unlawful to drive any automobile with the muffler cut out on any highway in the State. The fifth bill provides that the registration number shall be painted or printed on the front and tail lights of cars. The other measure would prohibit any automobile passing a trolley car discharging or receiving passengers, on that side from which the passengers were being received or discharged. Senator Holzer, Senator Manwaring and Judge A. B. Bears spoke in favor of the bill relating to trolley cars. Each cited instances where persons had been either killed or injured by automobiles passing cars while passengers were being discharged.

J. H. Hale of Glastonbury, who said he represented the Connecticut State Chamber of Commerce, spoke in opposition to the bill. He said that in his judgment the present law needed some teeth and they should be strong and sharp. He considered 75 per cent of the automobiles "lousy," and the others were "hogs," and he desired some way to get rid of these "lousies" and "hogs." He thought that if some of the prisoners in Wethersfield were let go and a few of these "lousies" put in their places the State would be better off.

"You have got to take up this question," gentlemen, said Mr. Hale, "or the people will take up of themselves and take hold of every man who uses an automobile, and I do not want that."

Mr. Hale advocated a speed of eight to ten miles an hour going round corners and at street intersections. He thought automobiles should stop when approaching a stationary trolley car, in reference to the registration fee, he recommended charging enough so that it will take care of the damage done by this class of vehicles to the roads of the State.

Donald T. Warner of Salisbury, spoke in support of the measure relating to closing certain highways against automobile traffic. He gave instances where accidents have been narrowly averted on these narrow roads. The pith of the question he seemed to him to be this: The recognition of the right to use motor vehicles on any of the main highways of the State roads, and other thoroughfares, where the conditions are such that such traffic would be safe. Mr. Warner said that he believed that unless the towns were authorized to close such highways as were dangerous, the towns of themselves would be liable for any injuries that might be caused to users of the roads.

Representative Smith of Colebrook was heartily in favor of the bill supported by Mr. Warner. He added that he did not believe in speed limits, because while in some places a slow rate of speed might be dangerous, in others forty miles an hour would be fatal to the people in the automobile. Mr. Clark was also in favor of the trolley car provision.

Rev. Dr. Newman Smyth of New Haven discussed the automobile bill generally. He thought one way to arrive at a proper bill would be to have a careful automobilist go over the roads and carefully note the places and suggest things that would take care of the difficulties encountered. It would be no hardship on automobilists to have this done, for the careful drivers would naturally observe the precautions that would result from such a test. He said the fundamental principles of the present law were wrong, because it was not constructed on the principles incorporated in other laws concerning the public safety. It was also a vicious class legislation. It was also contrary to the customary construction of criminal law. Criminal law was to be definite and mandatory. The automobile law was indefinite and full of holes, and has never been fought out on sound legal principles. The bill, he said, had been found inadequate in practice.

Dr. Smyth objected to the present law because it took away the principle of home rule. He said there should be some provision made for the suspension or revocation of a license by a trial court, that while the court had the right to send a man to jail, or to the gallows, that court could not take away the man's license to drive a car. He considered that poor law. Mr.

Smyth said that having deprived the towns and cities of the right to make rules and regulations on this matter—in other words, taking away home rule—the State should see to it that the lives of the citizens of the State were protected. Mayor E. W. Hooker spoke relative to the use of mufflers. He said the speed matter had been taken care of in this city since the police had become acquainted with what the law could do, but that numerous complaints had come to him regarding the cutting out of mufflers, and it had become an intolerable nuisance. The Mayor advocated the abolishing of the siren whistle, allowing fire apparatus only the right to use that whistle. Senator Goodwin of Hartford spoke in support of the muffler provision. He said any car that required to have the muffler cut out, in order to climb a hill, was not worth owning. Joseph P. Tuttle, counsel for the Hartford Automobile Club, said he thought the present law was ample. He took up many of the points raised by Dr. Smyth and other speakers. He believed the law should be tried out for a few more years. He spoke of the great amount of money expended in the automobile business and the large number of people employed therein. He said that he had been said, 6,000 automobile owners against the other 1,000,000 residents of the State. Asked if he thought the elimination of siren whistles and the muffler nuisance would injure the business, Mr. Tuttle replied in the negative, but he thought fixing an arbitrary speed limit would do so. He said he had no objection, in general principle, to having certain streets closed against automobiles, but thought the law might be abused. He was strenuously opposed, however, to towns and cities being given the right to fix speed limits, etc.

Curtis Veeder opposed the closing of any highway against automobiles. He said he had driven over the greater number of the roads in the State and found his chief pleasure in traversing these country roads. He maintained that no injury would be done to others using the road, if the automobilists would use proper care.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. William E. Seeley, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Seeley, Jr., Mrs. Robert C. Seeley, Mrs. F. E. Hawley and Mrs. Victor Curtis, of this city, are in Atlantic City. Robert Seeley and Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Seeley will join them later.

The funeral of Frank H. McGregor takes place this afternoon at Danbury. Mr. and Mrs. John McGregor and their daughters, Emma and Anna, of Courtland street are in attendance.

Preparations are under way for the wedding of Alder Ellis of Chicago and Miss Theodosia Child, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Frank Child of Fairfield. The young couple will make their home in San Francisco after the wedding.

The Wednesday Morning Art Club, a body, is the guest of Mrs. H. F. Greenman at her home, 286 Park Place, this afternoon. The scheme of decoration is carried out with daffodils and refreshments are served.

The plans for the exhibition of the Bridgeport Art League at the Public Library which opens Tuesday March 20 are nearing completion. The league members being very enthusiastic, the exhibition promising to eclipse all of its predecessors held at the library. As in previous years the same members who have worked so hard for the success of the exhibition will be represented by the work while others who have been admitted to the league during the past season will be represented.

Included in the exhibit will be all kinds of design work for printing fabrics, book covers, etc.; decorated china, water colors and photographs which will go far to make an unique exhibit, which will be a revelation to those who do not know the work these members of the league have been doing.

NEWTOWN.

Mrs. Frank Bates enjoyed a few days in Danbury recently.

Mrs. George Ryveel is among those on the sick list, and is under the care of Dr. F. J. Gale.

Miss Ruth Johnson returned to her school work at Stillman's Business College, Monday, after passing two weeks at home.

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Wilson were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard H. Edwards of Bridgeport.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Young are entertaining Danbury friends.

Joseph Taylor, of Bethel, conducted the prayer meeting at Taunton school-house Tuesday evening.

Robert Camp of Bridgeport, passed Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hobart C. Camp.

Miss Helen Kilbride has been ill and under the care of Dr. F. J. Gale.

Mr. and Mrs. James Farrell and

daughter visit Danbury friends recently.

Mrs. John Carlson entertained Mrs. George Clarke and daughter, Florence of Bridgeport, last week.

Miss Fannie Andrews, of Danbury, passed Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Andrews.

Grippe in a mild form is quite prevalent in town. A number of children are absent from school.

English Trains on Time.

The public service rendered by the British railway lines, the convenience to the traveler and the shipper, is far in excess of anything to be found in this country. The British Isles are absurdly small when compared with our vast areas, and this of course simplifies the operating problems. There are no snowdrifts to delay schedules, no sections of crudely built track awaiting perfection, and the locomotives are never far from their home shops. Yet even with allowance for these advantages both freight and passenger traffic are habitually handled with a regularity and certainty that deserve the highest degree of praise. In any large terminal in England the number of passenger trains that arrive either exactly on time or a minute or two ahead is far greater than that of trains even the least overdue. Five minutes is usually a safe margin for an important connection. At Finsbury Park, a suburban station just outside London, trains pass on an average of one every two minutes night and day, yet this tremendous traffic is handled with clocklike precision.—Ray Morris in Atlantic.

Queer Russian Ways.
If you drive through a Russian village about 10 p. m. you will be struck by the absolute quiet that pervades the scene. Not a creature, man or dog, is visible moving about. The place has the air of a deserted village. Suppose by some rare untoward chance you come upon a group of men standing together, apparently in conversation, you will notice that they speak in subdued tones, and wait so long as you please, you will never hear them laugh. The cause is simply this: These Russians possess a belief in evil spirits; but, unlike the Chinese, they believe that they are attracted, not frightened, by sounds. And so if some unlucky fate decrees that the monk is out of doors after 11 p. m. he is a painfully silent man. This feeling also extends to some of the southern towns. Kiev, the holy city of Russia, is a model in this respect. After 10 p. m. you may practically have the streets to yourself.—Blackwood's Magazine.

Hearing Another's Burden.
That it is not impossible to ring a new change on woman's aversion to telling her correct age has been proved by the rector of a New York church. He does not appear to be more than fifty years old, but declared to an inquiring parishioner that he was seventy-five and added, "I shall be seventy-seven my next birthday."

"The other evening," he explained, "my wife and I computed that our combined ages foot up to a hundred years. Now, of course, no lady is ever over twenty-five years old, so to keep peace in the family I suppose I must say I'm seventy-five."

"But why will you be seventy-seven your next birthday?"
"Because my wife's birthday and mine happen to fall on the same date, and—with a sigh of resignation—"of course I shall have to shoulder both of them."

The Society Butterfly.
That malignant creature the "society butterfly" is as hard working in its way as Solomon's ant and goes about its duties with a steady application and a determined disregard of fatigue and boredom which not a few industrial and other workers might imitate with advantage. Take, for instance, the charity bazaars and festivals.—London World.

Too Strong Competition.
Country Mouse—How are you getting on with your business, doctor? Country Doctor—Bad. Too close to London. Why, Lady Cashbags went to town and paid two guineas to have a corn extracted. I'd have amputated her foot for that.—London Answers.

In His Enthusiasm.
Judge (to prisoner)—Why did you take only the money and leave the basket of silver? Prisoner—Because it was too heavy. Judge (excitedly)—Aren't you ashamed of yourself, you lazy man?—Filigende Blatter.

An Appraisal.
Marian—Now, there is Algy Van Piffeldier, for instance—Jane—Oh, he is so haughtily statuesque that I have often wondered if he can really be ticklish on the bottoms of his feet like common people.—Watson's Magazine.

To be respectable implies a multitude of little observances from the strict keeping of Sunday down to the careful tying of a cravat.—Victor Hugo.

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